

A letter from Fr. Sievel

Dear Parishioners of the new Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish,

At long last, the final schedule for Masses and Confessions for our new parish. This replaces the earlier version shared with you. Representatives from each of the current parishes met with me and your pastors to attempt to resolve this difficult and fundamental task of our new parish. We discovered together a path forward. However, subsequent emails, phone calls, and discussions followed. I listened to each of them carefully. Some changes were made to that initial schedule.

My rationale follows: I first look to what the new parish needs for Masses and Confessions. I don't think it helps much to see who keeps more of the current schedule and who needs to change more. Everyone will be inconvenienced somewhat! I also look at the annual October count which indicates where Sunday Masses are needed. It is a kind of triage approach to this difficult task. Lastly, Fr. Gutierrez (our newly ordained Parochial Vicar) and I met and tried to make the weekend schedule possible (or almost possible) for one priest to do in an emergency.

I am confident that this will work out if we allow it to do so. We navigate together these uncharted waters. We should never be afraid to "put out into the deep and lower our nets for a catch". May we move forward together in our new work as the Parish of Our Lady Queen of Angels. May Mary, Queen of Angels pray for us!

Fr. Tom Sievel